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SUBJECT: AUGUST 13 INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR

REFS: (A) USBERLIN 924, PARA 11 (NOTAL);

(B) USBERLIN 1055; (C) USBERLIN 1469

1. AT 1708 LOCAL ON AUG 13, PANAM FLIGHT 698 HAD AN
ENCOUNTER WITH FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AT 9000 FEET, 46
NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHWEST OF TEMPELHOF. FIGHTER
APPARENTLY APPROACHED FROM REAR, PASSED UNDERNEATH,
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AND THEN EXECUTED VERTICAL CLIMB 200 METERS DIRECTLY

IN FRONT OF PANAM AIRCRAFT. PANAM PILOT BELIEVES INCIDENT WAS INTENTIONAL AND IT CERTAINLY APPEARS SO TO US. INCIDENT WAS NOT OBSERVED BY PASSENGERS.

2. SOVIET ELEMENT IN BASC INVESTIGATING. ALLIED BASC CHIEF CONTROLLERS MEETING AT 1500 TODAY TO DELIVER ORAL PROTEST STATEMENT, TEXT OF WHICH BEING COORDINATED WITH ALLIED MISSIONS. WE ALSO SIMULTANWOUSLY RAISING MATTER AT ALLIED POLAD-SOVIET POLITICAL COUNSELOR LEVEL.

3. COMMENT: THERE HAVE NOW BEEN SIX DANGEROUS INCIDENTS IN BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS SINCE DECEMBER. TWO OF THESE WERE RAISED WITH SOVIETS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL IN MAY (REF A). IN RESPONSE SOVIETS ASSURED US THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO HINDER OR IMPAIR ALLIED AIR TRAFFIC (REF B). SINCE THEN WE HAVE HAD TWO MORE VERY DANGEROUS INCIDENTS. AGAIN, AFTER THE JULY 25 INCIDENT, SOVIETS ASSURED US THERE WAS NO POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND IT (REF C). NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE JULY FAILURE AS YET OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN TO EXPLAIN JULY 25 INCIDENT, THEIR FAILURE TO CURTAIL YET ANOTHER INCIDENT, AND APPARENT DELIBERATE NATURE OF THIS MOST RECENT INCIDENT, WE ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT THE TWO STATEMENTS WE INTEND TO DELIVER TODAY WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT EFFECT. WE WONDER ALSO IF SOVIET AUTHORITIES HERE CAN REALLY BRING AN END TO THESE INCIDENTS. WE THINK THIS QUESTION OUGHT TO BE RAISED AT A HIGHER LEVEL AND, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT EMB AND DEPARTMENT CONSIDER LODGING ALLIED PROTEST IN MOSCOW OR IN ALLIED CAPITALS.

4. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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